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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH GUZMAN, MAJLUTA

REF: STATE 135946, FONECONS OF 5/27 WITH PASTOR
DE SANTILLANA AND OPCTR, AND SANTO DOMINGO 2829

1. PER PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT, AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF MET
AT 11 AM THIS MORNING WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT GUZMAN TO DELIVER TEXT
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE (DEPTEL).
MAJLUTA, VP-ELECT, SHOWED UP LATE, AT ABOUT 11:45 AM, AS
AMBASSADOR WAS BIDDING FAREWELL TO GUZMAN FAMILY.

2. GUZMAN, WHO HAD ADVANCE NOTICE OF SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE, GREETED AMBASSADOR WITH GREAT WARMTH AND COURTESY
IN HOUSE OF HIS BROTHER. HE READ SPANISH
TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (BEING POUCHED) AND TOLD
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AMBASSADOR HE WILL REPLY BY COMMERCIAL CABLE (WITH COPY TO EMBASSY).

3. PRESIDENT-ELECT INITIATED CONVERSATION WITH RATHER PROFOUND
AND EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION OF HIS GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE
SOLIDARITY OF THE "PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS" IN SUPPORT OF
THE DOMINICAN ELECTORAL PROCESS, WHICH WILL EFFECT A PEACEFUL
AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSFER OF POWER HERE. HE WAS ESPECIALLY

COMPLIMENTARY OF THE STRONG SUPPORTIVE ROLE OF THE U.S. AND THE PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT AT A CRITICAL MOMENT WHEN THE SITUATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LOOKED DARKEST.

4. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT NEITHER THE USG NOR THE PRESIDENT HAD "INTERVENED" IN THE PROCESS, AS U.S. ACTIONS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED BY MANY HERE. RATHER, U.S. BY ITS STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS HAD EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST AND CONCERN THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS STIPULATED UNDER DOMINICAN ELECTORAL LAW BE OBSERVED. OUR ABIDING CONCERN, HE SAID, HAD BEEN THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROCESS BE RESPECTED, BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE HERE AND ITS IMPACT ON DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES ELSEWHERE IN THE HEMISPHERE.

5. GUZMAN PICKED UP THIS THEME AND SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT, ALTHOUGH HE AND PRD HAD STRONG FOREIGN SUPPORT (BESIDES U.S. HE PARTICULARLY MENTIONED VENEZUELA), IT WAS THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE WHO HAD RALLIED TO THE CAUSE OF FREE AND CLEAN ELECTIONS WHOSE RESULTS, FINALLY, WERE RESPECTED BY THOSE WHO HAD LOST. HE WENT ON TO SAY HIS GREAT TASK NOW IS TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY, AND MENTIONED THAT HE WAS ORGANIZING A TRANSITION TEAM TO PREPARE HIS ASSUMPTION OF POWER AUGUST 16.

6. AMBASSADOR TOLD GUZMAN EMBASSY IS READY WHEN TIME COMES TO
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ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PRD TRANSITION PERSONEL TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. GUZMAN, WITHOUT MENTIONING SPECIFICS, REPLIED THAT HE EXPECTED OUR FUTURE DEALINGS TO BE OPEN, FRANK AND DIRECT. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT APPROACHED FUTURE US-GODR RELATIONSHIPS IN SUCH AN OPEN MANNER AND SAID, AS FAR AS USG IS CONCERNED, OUR DEALINGS WOULD BE AS PRESIDENT-ELECT HAD JUST SPECIFIED AND BASED AT ALL TIMES ON MUTUAL RESPECT.

7. AGAIN WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, GUZMAN DISCUSSED THE DOMREP'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS FORTUNATE THAT IT HAD BEEN RAINING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. SUCH WEATHER AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, WHICH NORMALLY IS A TIME OF DROUGHT, IS QUITE UNUSUAL, AND HE SAID IT AUGURS WELL FOR THE AGRICULTURAL HARVEST JUST BEFORE HE ASSUMES OFFICE. A GOOD CROP NOW WILL OFFSET THE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL "MISERY AND HUNGER" IN THE DOMINICAN COUNTRYSIDE. BESIDES BEING A SIGN OF "MY HAPPY LUCK," HE SAID, IT COULD SERVE AS THE BEGINNING OF A RECOVERY OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DOMREP IN 1977 SPENT \$70 MILLION ON FOOD IMPORTS WHEN, WITH PROPER FORETHOUGHT, CARE AND GOOD MANAGEMENT, THIS COUNTRY COULD BE A NET FOOD

EXPORTER TO THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

8. GUZMAN SAID HE HOPES TO MEET WITH BALAGUER IN THE NEXT DAY
OR TWO TO SEEK HIS COUNSEL (SD 2829, PARA 7), AND THAT AT AN
APPROPRIATE TIME THEREAFTER HIS PEOPLE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US.
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